GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BOARDING SCHOOL FACILITIES TO TRIBAL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to provide free boarding school facilities for children in the tribal dominated areas;

(b) if so, salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether any provision has also been made to provide free boarding school facilities in the scheme for the non-tribal children of the tribal dominated areas;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) &(b): Government in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has several schemes under which free boarding school facilities are provided for tribal children. These are:

(i) Grants to State Governments to establish Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) to provide high quality education to tribal boys and girls from class 6 to class 12;

(ii) Grants-in-aid to NGOs; grants, up to 90% of the cost are given to NGOs to run residential schools in tribal areas;

(iii) Grants (100% of cost) are given to NGOs to run educational complexes (residential schools) for tribal girls in low female literacy districts.

(c) to (e): The scheme is meant specifically for tribal students.